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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 8, 2007, Applicants elect Group IV, claims 68-79 without traverse.

The Examiner has required the election of species. However, based on the discussion on pages 4-5 of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants do not believe an election of species is required for Group IV.

Applicants acknowledge reference to Zetterstrom et al. (*Pediatric Research*, Vol. 52, p. 148-154 (2002)) and reserve comment on this reference if and when a prima facie argument of unpatentability is presented with respect to this reference.

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